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Thank you so much for all your help. These meetings would never be successful without your expertise!

Have a good rest of the evening!

Pat

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On Nov 18, 2020, at 7:46 PM, Kandil, Shereen <Kandil.Shereen@epa.gov> wrote:

Excellent, engaging meeting. Great job presenting, responding, and facilitating. You both are amazing, especially with such an intelligent and tough crowd. Below are all the questions/comments from the chat box. I unfortunately was not quick enough to write down the questions that were verbally asked. Hope this helps.

Ringwood Public Information Meeting Questions and Comments (Nov 18 2020) – 38 participants (6 of which are EPA)

[11/18/2020 6:11 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Why has EPA allowed Ringwood Borough to delay implementation of contingency remedy which was supposed to be either quicker or the same timeframe as the original remedy for this long without issuing a further ESD identifying the original remedy as indicated in the OU2 ROD and in the ESD?

[11/18/2020 6:13 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Does EPA acknowledge the paint sludges as principal threat waste (PTW)?

[11/18/2020 6:27 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - It seems like a conflict of interest for the EPA to choose the company that does an "independent review of the EPA decision." Please explain why this is not as it appears.

[11/18/2020 6:28 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Shannon Lisa - Edison Wetlands Association: What hydraulic profiling technologies/geophysical studies has EPA done, such as electrical conductivity, before the selection of this OU3 cleanup plan? And has EPA consulted with USGS on this remedy/subsurface complexities around the mine areas?

[11/18/2020 6:30 PM] Judie:

What will happen when/if paint sludge is encountered during the OU2 process?

[11/18/2020 6:31 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Shannon Lisa - Edison Wetlands Association: What is EPA's plan and criteria by which to evaluate whether the remedy is successful? As an example, how will EPA certify that the PMP Airshaft has been fully sealed/grouted, that all voids have been filled, and the shaft has been closed off from the environment?

[11/18/2020 6:32 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Robert Spiegel - Edison wetlands association: how can EPA/NJDEP designate an area that is a drinking water headwaters as a CEA? By definition that is a drinking water area.

[11/18/2020 6:33 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - As our late senator Frank Lautenberg said, "In order for something like this not to occur again at Ringwood or other sites in New Jersey, it is essential community leaders are part of the process from the beginning to the end of the cleanup." What role did community leaders play in this selection? (Groundwater)

[11/18/2020 6:35 PM] Jeff Tittel:

This a mountain with shafts that run for miles how can you find all the seeps and fissures .CEA is basically writhing off clean up the groundwater

[11/18/2020 6:45 PM] Judie:

The CAG was also quiet while the court decree was pending.

[11/18/2020 6:46 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - How much granulated carbon is going to be put in the bottom of the shaft? Estimate?

[11/18/2020 6:47 PM] Judie:

I meant that the CAG didn't meet while they were waiting for a decision on the consent decree.

[11/18/2020 6:48 PM] Tom:

I'll check again. I read it as a cotton swab thrown into an ocean.

[11/18/2020 6:48 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Bob Spiegel, The EPA has left the public out of the public participation. What does USEPA even know about Fords Contractors?

[11/18/2020 6:49 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Bob Spiegel Recon has only been around since 1989

[11/18/2020 6:50 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - How often is monitoring going to occur at Peter's Mine and downstream (yearly?) and what is the scope of the monitoring?

[11/18/2020 6:51 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - What will be done to monitor air vapors?

[11/18/2020 6:51 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Recon working on the paint sludge removal is bait of conflict of interest for them to get the job from Ford Motor Company

[11/18/2020 6:52 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - You said you won't go below the water table. Was phytoremediation ever considered to help absorb and remove contaminants in the water table?

[11/18/2020 6:56 PM] Tom:

Thomas Conway, Ringwood, NJ - Correct me if I'm wrong, but the data I looked at show higher concentrations of contaminants as you go further down the shaft. Is this correct?

[11/18/2020 6:58 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

Shannon Lisa (Edison wetlands association): Joe, you mentioned there were several geophysical studies performed and that these are articulated in the FS/RI. The FS/RI do not appear to provide specific details. What were these specific geophysical studies performed?

NJDWSC here: Correct, we wanted stronger action taken by EPA.

We still want more wells for testing around a larger delineation of the site. We also want mostly testing at all those well sites.

[11/18/2020 7:21 PM] Lloyd Naideck:

want monthly testing at all those well sites.*

[11/18/2020 7:22 PM] Judith Joan Sullivan, Esq.:

@Mr. Naideck. Agreed.

[11/18/2020 7:23 PM] Tom:

I can't find any data from the EPA for 2019 and 2020. I can't make a seasonal model.

[11/18/2020 7:24 PM] EdisonWetlandsAssociation:

@Tom, I believe Joe Gowers mentioned the last sampling round was in 2018 at the end of the RI, if he would like to clarify.

[11/18/2020 7:25 PM] Tom:

What I want is a spring sampling event.

[11/18/2020 7:26 PM] Kenneth Petrone:

Ground water data goes back to the 1990s...sometimes quarterly, semiannually, annually; there is plenty of seasonal data...and we have not see significant changes.

[11/18/2020 7:32 PM] Lloyd Naideck:

Lloyd Naideck is speaking for North Jersey District Water Supply Commission

[11/18/2020 7:36 PM] Judith Joan Sullivan, Esq.:
I had a question about a photograph I emailed Ms. Seppi and Mr. Gowers as I am not sure if I can share my screen.

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